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SUBJEC: ECE - AD HOC MEETING DECEMBER 10-13, 1973 ON

DEVELOPMENT OF LONG-TERM PROGRAM OF WORK ON
ENVIRONMENT

1. U.S. HAS DOUBTS ABOUT UTILITY OF HOLDING SUBJECT
MEETING ON DATES SCHEDULED IF SOVIETS AND OTHER EE'S
STILL HOLD TO POSITION THEY TOOK AT APRIL 1973 MEETING OF
ECE/SAE THAT NO DECISION ON LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM AND
TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL CSCE WORK ON
ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION AGREED ON. LATTER ACTION
UNLIKELY BEFORE SPRING OF 1974.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IF MISSION WOULD CONVEY
ABOVE U.S. DOUBTS TO BISHOP. REQUEST YOU ASK BISHOP TO
FIND OUT JUST WHAT USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN INTENTIONS ARE
REGARDING AD HOC MEETING. U.S. ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE
TO REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT ON LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM AND
TERMS OF REFERENCE BUT IF USSR AND OTHER EE'S NOT YET
PREPARED TO ACT WE BELIEVE BISHOP WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO
POSTPONE MEETING. CASEY

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